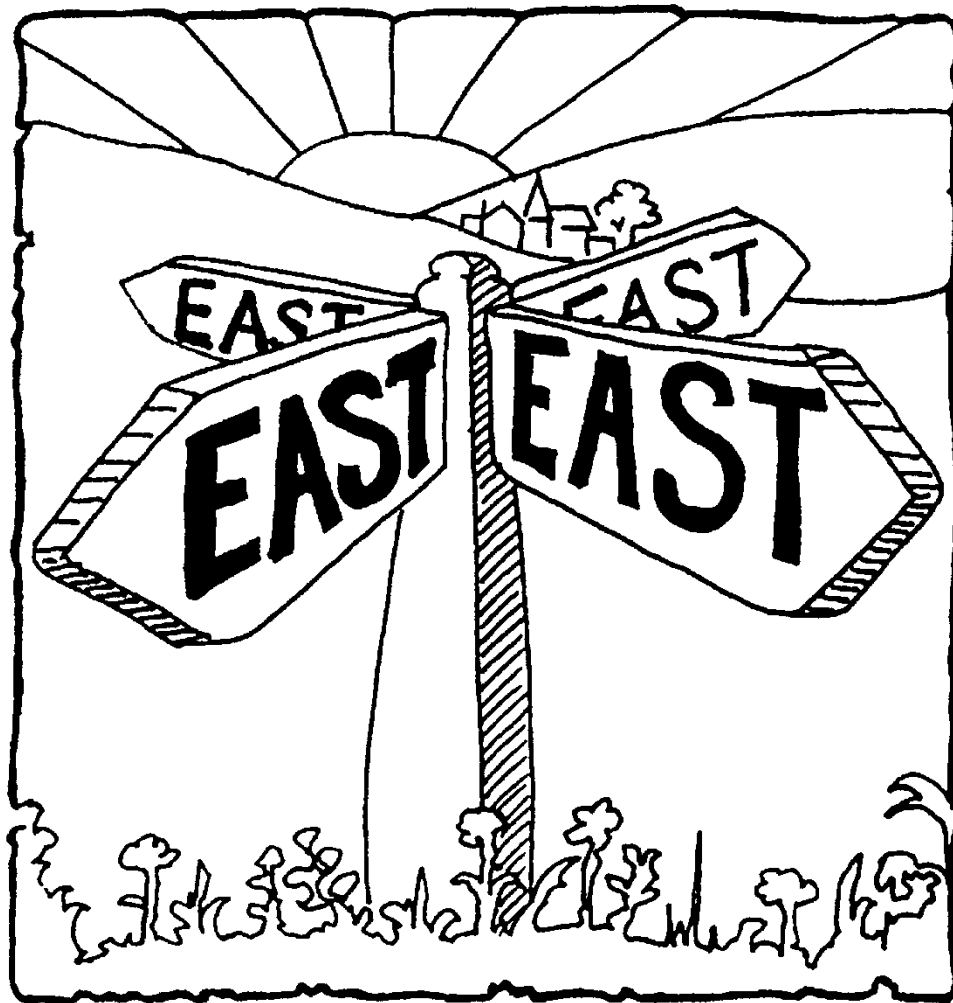


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Editorial

Another busy year, though more a 'stay-at-home' year of work/study rather than an exciting travel year. I did manage to spend a few days in each of Lincolnshire, Kent, Shrewsbury and Shropshire, for walking, sightseeing and narrowboats!

Thanks to the talents of my youngest son, Adam, we have a new East Family History Society website taking shape. We hope to 'go live' at the AGM in October with a demonstration of it.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the 30th Anniversary event (see p.6), to catch up with news and to meet new members.

I hope that you enjoy reading this latest issue of Points East.

Best Regards. Amanda ♦

Chairman's Message

It is hard to believe that I am on the completion of my first year as the Chair of the EFHS. I have so enjoyed meeting new friends on the committee who are all engaged with the same purpose of finding out more about their ancestors.

Our main aim this year has been to create a new website, which has been beautifully achieved by Amanda's son Adam. We are so grateful to him as this will allow us to proceed with credibility and to move on to our task for the next year, which is to recruit more new members.

Most people become members of this Society in order to find out more about their ancestors. This journey of discovery can be enriched by adding to our numbers, hearing the stories of others and then finding links between one family and another. Since I have been researching my background, I have found several new 'cousins', in far flung places such as Australia, the USA and Germany and look forward to meeting them one day.

My parents and grandparents never talked about the wars in which they took part because this was deemed unsuitable material for children at the time. Now that we are finding out for ourselves what happened, we are discovering revelations. So many more people could be enjoying the same, so please do look out for Easts in your area and encourage them to join!

I wish you all well in this period leading up to Christmas.

Angela East ♦

Obituary for Edward East, Member 88 ***12th Jul 1923 – 4th Dec 2022***

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Dr Edward East of Girton, Cambridge. Peter received a letter from his daughter to say that Edward had passed away in December '22. He wrote to her to send belated condolences from the East FHS.

Edward was born in North Bierley, Yorkshire to parents Allen Ramsey East (1900-1943) and Doris Bradley (1902-2000). In the 1939 census, Edward aged 16 is living in Dudley Hill Road, Bradford with his mother Doris, a worsted weaver, and his mother's Bradley family. Edward's occupation is written as 'Dyestuffs Rottler Sample Bottles' (the company seems to have been a local manufacturer of dyes). His father was a weaver of woollens.

Edward married Thora Marise Brook (1929-2019) in July 1951 in Dewsbury, Yorkshire and they had two children.

Edward, at the age of 98, a year after the death of his wife, provided a lovely article which was published in the Spring 2021 Issue of Points East entitled 'Who needs a car?'. It tells snippets about his life in Bradford and Cambridge.

I have reproduced it on page 8/9.

New East FHS website coming soon!!

~ www.eastfhs.com ~

The Founders' Award

A prize of £50 will be awarded annually to the member of the EastFHS who submits the most interesting article for publishing in the Points East journal

The articles will be judged by members of the committee and the result announced at the autumn AGM

Please send all articles by 1 August to the Journal editor
Amanda Gostelow: amanda@gostelow24.co.uk

In memory of John and Andrée East

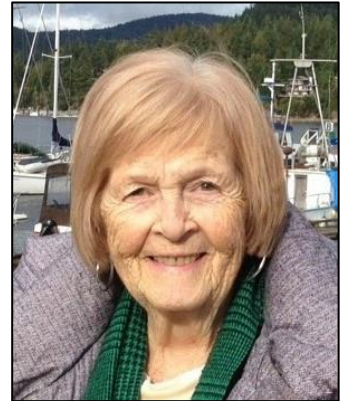
Gloria Shirley (Pelletier) Onstad, Member 156

(Obituary from Dignity Memorial, www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/)

May 7, 1933 – March 21, 2023

Gloria passed away on March 21, 2023 after a short illness, just short of her 90th birthday.

She was born to Mabel Rosella (East) and Joseph Robert “Bob” Pelletier in Edmonton, Alberta on May 7, 1933. Her brother Jack followed in 1935, and the family lived in Edmonton during the Depression era. World War 2 broke out when Gloria was in Grade 1, and her father enlisted immediately in the Royal Canadian Medical Corp. His regiment was stationed in southern England by 1941, waiting for deployment to the front. During a blackout, he was hit by an army vehicle while returning to base and he died from his injuries. This was devastating for the family; Gloria’s mother had to take work as a farm cook and Gloria was sent to live with an aunt and uncle at Maymont, SK. It was there that she first took piano lessons and found her lifelong passion for music.



Later, her mother remarried, and the family was reunited and lived with a beloved stepfather, George Walker on a farm near Kindersley. Gloria graduated from high school there, active in the drama club and choir. Her parents saved to buy her a piano to play at home and spent happy years there until tragically her stepfather passed away from cancer during her graduation year.

She completed the secretarial course at the Robertson Business School in Saskatoon and worked in Kindersley with CIBC and then Sask Power. Next came a move to Calgary where while working for an oil company, she met Jack Onstad on a blind date! They married in 1959 and following the birth of daughter Barbara, moved to Weyburn. Two sons, Bryan and James completed the family.

Gloria devoted her energies to raising her children, and with Jack, joined the Young Fellows club, which offered friendship, fun and community service. Once her children were in school, she pursued her artistic talents including drawing, painting and calligraphy, which she later instructed and did commissioned calligraphy works. She worked part-time at an accounting firm during tax seasons, and as a deputy returning officer for elections. Active in the arts, she joined the Weyburn Arts Council and the Triple C council - a proud achievement was the establishment of the Cugnet Performing Arts Centre, after years of work to gain community and government support. She also was a volunteer tutor with the Literacy Council, and organist for the Junior A Red Wings hockey club for many years. She sang with local choirs Octavius and Variations, and with the Regina Philharmonic.

Gloria followed current events closely and was always ready for a chat and a laugh. She loved following her children and grandchildren in their activities, whether in education, travel, sports, or the arts. Many happy summers were spent

at the family cottage at White Bear Lake, and later at a friend's cabin at Katepwa. Genealogy was a passion that involved some of her many travel experiences, and reading and gardening were important pastimes. She and Jack were longtime Roughrider season ticket holders, but baseball was her favourite, whether it was the Blue Jays, or at a local ballpark where in recent years she could be found in her scooter enjoying the games.

Gloria is predeceased by her parents, her stepfather and her brother, as well as her husband, Jack Onstad (2009).

Left to miss her are her children: Barb (Rod Cowen) of New Westminster, BC; Bryan (Susan) of Surrey, BC; and Jim (Delinda) of Weyburn, SK; grandchildren: Meagan (Becky) of Regina, SK, Mike (Ricki) of Weyburn, SK, Roxanne of Surrey, BC; Brendan of Toronto, ON; Courtney (Dan) of Port Moody, BC; and one great-grandchild, Lane; sisters-in-law: Donna Gang, Cindy Onstad and Greta Onstad, cousins, nephews, nieces and good friends.

A celebration of life took place on April 1, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Fletcher Funeral Chapel, Weyburn and was followed by a reception at the Weyburn Branch, Royal Canadian Legion. A private family interment also took place at Hillcrest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Gloria may be made to the Weyburn Arts Council, the Weyburn Beavers Baseball Club, or the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 47.

Samuel & Jane East¹

(by Amanda Gostelow, extracted from Points East Issue 19, Spring 2002)

Thought I'd share the following item, from the Buckinghamshire Message Board on the Internet, not necessarily to respond to the writer, but to share the information she presents.

The writer, a new East FHS member, Gloria Onstad, is asking for information on Samuel and Jane East, whose sons William, Richard and Thomas emigrated from Bucks to Canada in the mid-1800s. William and Richard settled in Ontario, but (she says) Thomas' whereabouts are unknown. She believes that a married daughter, name unknown, remained in England. She gives the following information about the sons:

Richard East, age 24, married Nancy Hannah on 1 December 1859 in Erin, East Garafraxa, Ontario.

William East, b 1824, married Margaret Gear in Montreal in 1849. They bought land in Garafraxa, Ontario in 1854.

¹ Note the difference of opinion on parentage between this article from 2002 and the current tree on the following page – which is correct? Please do let us know if you know!



Gloria's ancestry according to the East FHS Big Tree

Invitation to The East Family History Society 30th Celebratory Meeting

(sent via email to members on 27/4/23)

Dear Members and Friends,

At the East Family History Society, we are delighted to announce that 2023 marks the 30th anniversary of our Society and we are planning to hold a live event so that we can meet face to face again! This is such an exciting prospect for me as the Chair since I haven't been a member for very long and haven't even met any of the Committee members in real life yet! I do hope that you will all be able to embrace this return to our old normal after such a long period of Covid confinement.

The event will be held on **Saturday October 14th from 10am – 4pm at Bishopshalt School, Uxbridge UB8 3RF** where there are good road links and there is ample parking.

After the AGM, which will be held in the morning, lunch will be provided with a menu of choices, catering for all dietary requirements. Menus and reasonable costs will be sent out nearer the time. In the afternoon, there will be a speaker.

We will have a Zoom connection at the meeting for overseas members and for those who are unable to travel for various reasons.

We would love to use our Anniversary meeting in October to celebrate what everybody has achieved in the thirty years of our existence and to celebrate our new, updated website to commemorate the anniversary. The digital archives will be available; it will be a time to share research tips and your Family Trees. Please bring them along, either in paper form or on laptops or similar devices!

To enable us to proceed with the arrangements for this event, we need to have an idea of numbers now. To this end, please could you send an email to Peter at theeastfhs@gmail.com^{**} to indicate your intention to join us on this day? We request that you do this at your earliest convenience and by May 14th at the latest, even if you say that you don't know yet!

You are all welcome to bring visitors and we look forward to the event with the greatest anticipation!

Angela

Chair

*(** Includes the secretary's new email address)*

~ Please keep sending in your copies of Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates ~

Dear Member,

At the EFHS Committee Meeting held on 3rd September, the issue of subscription charges was discussed with regard to successfully managing the ongoing increasing costs of running The Society. The Committee recommends that the Annual Subscription be raised from £10 to £15. This is the equivalent of £1.25 (GBP) per month, an increase of £0.42 which we consider not to be too burdensome. A vote on this motion will be taken at the AGM and if successful the changes will take effect immediately following the AGM for new members and from May 1st 2024 for those members who are due to renew. It was noted that charges raised by similar societies over recent years have been in excess of this and none can provide the detailed assistance which the EFHS can offer its members. The option of a reduced rate 3-year subscription will also be removed. Those who have currently opted for the 3-year option will not pay the new rate until their membership renewals are due. If this causes difficulties for bank transfers for overseas members there will always be the choice of paying for more than one year at a time although a discount will no longer apply.

The EFHS Committee, including all Post Holders will continue to provide their services on a wholly voluntary basis.

Kind regards

Peter East

Secretary & Treasurer

(email sent on 5th September 2023)

Dear Member

I have kindly been made aware by one of our members, Jane, that the venue for the AGM falls inside the new Greater London ULEZ area. If travelling by car you may wish to check whether or not your vehicle meets the emission standards required so as not to incur the daily £12.50 charge. You can check by going to the Transport for London website tfl.gov.uk then scroll down to the black box on the right-hand side entitled ULEZ has expanded. By clicking on this you can check your vehicle by entering your registration.

Kind regards

Peter East

Secretary & Treasurer

(email sent on 6th September 2023)

Who Needs a Car? *by Edward East*

When I was born in 1923 the family lived on a corner at Undercliffe in Bradford, Yorkshire. This was a nice stone house with 2 bedrooms - it is still there with lovely stone work cleaned up - an ideal location. We literally had everything we needed for living within 2 minutes walk. There were several food shops, 2 cobblers, a hairdressers, a barber, a post office, 2 paper shops, a chapel, a cinema (silent). We paid for everything in cash. We were on the inner ring road and had 3 public transport systems, with a good tram service into the city. Two fish and chip shops - another one 5 minutes away. The doctor was 1 minute away just across the road and was paid in cash - there was no NHS. Dentist was 10 mins away and was paid in cash. Nearest school was 5 mins away. Workers could walk to woollen mills 15 mins away. My mother was sent to work in a mill during the war when she was 12 years old. One could walk into Bradford city in 20 mins.

Who needs a car! ?

When I was 4 years old the family managed to scrape the down payment on a nice semi-detached house that was just built, 2 minutes further along the road, next to the cinema. I remember talkies came just after that. The house cost 500 pounds, down payment was £25, the solicitor was paid £4.10, stamp duty was £6.10, and the mortgage rate was £3.15 a month until it was paid up in 1940. I still have the paper work. There were very few cars about. Transport was mainly horse and cart. We kids used to play marbles and other games right on the main inner ring road. We had a corner shop opposite us, a few yards away - open all hours type just like the TV series, for food, drink.

Who needs a car!?

The fish shop was now a few yards away, almost opposite and was very famous - mill girls used to come at lunch time with bulk orders and one had to queue for 20 min to get served. Fish and chips cost 2 and a halfpence. I went to Wellington Road school 5 mins away until I was 12. The famous artist David Hockney went to this school later so we have something in common, but not drawing. I then went to another school a mile away until I was 14. I came home for lunch so I walked 4 miles a school day. Mother sent me out on a paper round after school - kids were not allowed to start working until 12 years old. I got 2 shillings and 6p for 6 nights and was allowed to keep 6p of this. The paper round was about 2 miles so I walked 6 miles every weekday and 2 miles on Saturdays.

Who needs a car!?

At 98, I now live in a flat in a very nice Abbeyfield residential home in Cambridge. My rooms are about the same size as a modern 2 bed semi. Within 2 mins walk from my door I literally have a cinema, a restaurant, a coffee shop, a swimming pool, a Jacuzzi, a hairdresser and a gymnasium (when/if they are allowed to open again).

Plus ca change.

I have not driven since I came here. I don't need cash. I have not been out of this building for about a year. It costs me about 500 pounds a week, the same amount as was paid for the entire house in 1927. I get lunch brought to my door and fish and chips in the evenings on Fridays. Any other requirements are ordered by mail and delivered to my door, mostly by Tesco or Amazon. Doctor and dentist are more of a problem, about a mile away, but I have a little panic button I wear round my neck and if I press it someone will come running from downstairs. I have just been vaccinated by the visiting district nurse.

Who needs a car!?

Digging up the Past

by Angela Waterfall, Research Manager

While I was trying to get more information from Ancestry about Francis East of Dundee, I found a public family tree with pictures of Francis' wife, Caroline, and some of his children.

Eager to know whether the owner might be a long-lost East relation, I sent a message and received an answer that she was related to me by Caroline's marriage to Francis. Francis East had, at one time, lived at 34, Totteridge Road, High Wycombe. The tree owner told me that she had lived in that area of High Wycombe as a child. Thanking her for her information and telling her that I lived in High Wycombe too, we began to reveal more information about ourselves.

We learned that we had attended the same schools and she asked whether I remembered a store named Hull, Loosley and Pearce. That was the shop at which my great-uncle worked (Great uncle Alfred was Francis East's nephew and worked as a tailor). Alfred and some of her relatives, including her grandfather, had lived in Peterborough Avenue, High Wycombe.

When she gave me the name of her grandfather, I realised that I might have known her during my childhood. Her father was one of the teachers at our Sunday School and she was about four years my junior. We both wondered whether our parents had known about the family connection then.

Research into family history always has surprising outcomes – it is not just about names, dates, and lineage!

48 hours in Dundee – in search of my Scottish Roots *by Angela Waterfall, Research Manager*

For this year's holiday, my husband and I decided to do the North Coast 500, a 500-mile road trip around the Northern Highlands of Scotland, starting and ending in Inverness.

My grandfather, Alexander George East, was born in Dundee in 1881. His father, Alfred East, moved to Dundee in 1874 to join his brother, Francis East. Francis established a successful furniture business, Francis East and Co and the firm operated until 1960.

Alfred was not so successful. He was sued for slander in 1892 and his small factory ceased trading in the same year.

In 1901, his wife Eliza died. Alfred and most of his children returned to High Wycombe. At the time of the 1911 Census, the family were living at 34, Totteridge Road.

Our Scottish Holiday seemed the ideal time to visit Dundee and find out more about the family. I was hoping to visit places where they had lived and find out more about the court case and why he ceased trading.

Before the visit, I made a list of the places where I knew that they had lived and did a virtual tour using Google Earth. This showed that most of the places had been demolished and replaced with modern buildings. Most of the streets remained though.

Dundee City Archives has a good list of resources. Searching online, I could get some information relating to the family. For instance, I ascertained that my great-uncle Alfred attended Harris Academy, alongside some of his cousins. For facts about the furniture trade, though, I needed to go to the archives in person. The archivist was extremely helpful in working out which box would provide most information and we arranged a time for me to go.

We booked a small hotel, which was not far from the Botanic Gardens. Arriving there late one June afternoon, we were met by the owner, who asked what we were going to do in Dundee. When I told him the purpose of the visit and the surname of my ancestors, he asked whether we intended to visit the memorial in Balgay Cemetery. Pictures of this memorial have featured in previous articles in Points East; it is a memorial to Francis East's wife, Caroline, and their children. Kenny, the hotel owner, walked his dog past the memorial every evening and he lived in the same road as Timothy East, Francis East's great grandson. Timothy died in Italy two years ago, but his Italian wife still owns the house and visits in the summer. Timothy's house originally belonged to his parents, Sandy (Harry Malcolm) and Muriel. Kenny offered to arrange for us to meet an elderly neighbour who had known Timothy and his parents well.

Our evening walk was to Balgay Cemetery via Harris Academy, which is now a very modern building.

The memorial is indeed very impressive. A passer-by stopped to tell us that it was her favourite gravestone because the writing was so beautiful. There are plenty of family names on the memorial, including that of Elspeth Harris, who was a member of the EFHS. One thing struck me, though, and that was the absence of Francis East's name on the memorial. That will be the subject of another article!

We made an early start next morning to visit the archives, which are housed in City Square. During the morning I read through the contents of a document box of "Personal Papers". I think that this might have been the contents of Francis' East's son Albert's desk - meticulously sorted.

I had forgotten that banks used to return cheques alongside statements and there were a lot of bundles of those but there were some family letters, some bills relating to school fees, some information about a house that he had built, and some more personal letters to his daughter Dorothy and one relating to an accident that he had. My husband's job was to photograph any document of interest.

That afternoon, we visited the local museum, which was built around the time of my grandfather's birth. It is an imposing building but sadly, the chair from Francis East's factory is no longer on display.

We had a pleasant evening with Joan Chynoweth, who had been a neighbour of Timothy and his parents since the early 1980's. She told me that Timothy went to Edinburgh University and studied accountancy. He moved to Rome to work and met and married his wife there; they returned to Dundee for a month each year to escape the summer heat. Sadly, Timothy caught COVID and died in 2021.

Unfortunately, I did not answer my original query about my great-grandfather; county court records are kept in Edinburgh and the document box did not contain any records about Francis' and Alfred's earlier life in Monks Risborough.

However, it was so nice to be gathering information away from the computer. Albert's letters provided some aspects of social life that cannot be gained from the lists of census details. He was immensely proud of his daughter, Dorothy, who worked in London and who I have since learned held a very senior position in the Woman's Royal Navy and there were letters relating to the Great Depression, including Albert's thoughts about the merits of Scottish versus English workers.

I am sure that the winter months will be spent looking at my notes, updating my family tree and doing further research around the notes I made at the archives. Maybe I will plan next year's holiday and include some more family history – Cornwall or The Bahamas?

‘Why you have a family name’

(Extracted from the June '22 issue of ‘Estes Trails’ with the kind permission of Larry Duke)

Compiled by the Media Research Bureau - Washington, D.C. for early-day researcher Bill Estes of Arizona and near cousin of mine, circa 1974.

Personal names doubtless originated soon after the invention of spoken language, although the date of their first use is lost in the darkness of ages. For thousands of years thereafter, first or given names were the only designations that men and women bore; and when the world was less crowded than it is today and every man knew his neighbor, one title of address was sufficient. With the passing centuries and the increasing complexity of civilized society, a need arose for more specific designations. While the roots of our system of family names may be traced back to early civilized times, actually the hereditary surname as we know it today dates from a time scarcely earlier than 900 years ago.

A surname is a name added to a baptismal or Christian name for the purposes of making it more specific and of indicating family relationship or descent. Classified according to origin, most surnames fall into four general categories: (1) those formed from the given name of the sire; (2) those arising from bodily or personal characteristics; (3) those derived from locality or place of residence; and (4) those derived from occupation. It is easier to understand the story of the development of our institution of surnames if these classifications are borne in mind.

As early as biblical times certain distinguishing appellations were occasionally employed in addition to the given name, for instance, Joshua the son of Nun, Simon the son of Jonas and Simon the Zealot. In ancient Greece daughters were named after their fathers, as Chryseis, the daughter of Chryses; and sons' names were usually an enlarged form of the father's, as Hieronymus, son of Hiero. The Romans, with the rise of their civilization, met the need for hereditary designations by inventing a complex system whereby every patrician traced his descent by taking several names. None of them exactly corresponded to surnames as we know them.

The ancient Scandinavians and for the most part the Germans had only individual names, and there were no family names, strictly speaking, among the Celts. But as family and tribal groups grew in size, individual names became inadequate and the need for supplementary appellations began to be felt. Among the first employed were such terms as "the Strong", "the Hardy", & "the Stern". The nations of northern Europe soon adopted the practice of adding the father's name to the son's.

True surnames, in the sense of hereditary designations, date in England from about the year 1000. Largely they were introduced from Normandy, although there are records of Saxon surnames prior to the Norman Conquest. By the end of

the twelfth century hereditary names had become common in England. But even by 1465 they were not universal.

As stated above, family names may be divided into four general classes according to their origin. One of the largest of these classes is that comprising surnames derived from the given name of the father. Such names were formed by means of an added prefix or suffix denoting either "son of" or a diminutive. Thus John's sons became Johnsons; William's sons, Williamsons or Wilsons.

Another class of surnames, those arising from some bodily or personal characteristic of their first bearer, apparently grew out of what were in the first instance nicknames. Thus Peter the strong became Peter Strong, Roger of small stature became Roger Little or Roger Small. From among the many names of this type, only a few need be mentioned; Long, Short, Hardy, Wise, Good, Gladman, Lover, and Youngman.

A third class of family names, and perhaps the largest of all, is that comprising local surnames - names derived from and originally designating the place of residence of the bearer. Such names were popular in France at an early date and were introduced into England by the Normans. The surnames adopted by the nobility were mainly of this type, being used with the particles *de*, *de la*, or *del* (meaning "of" or "of the"). The Saxon equivalent was the word *atte* ("at the").

A vestige of this usage survives in the names Atwell, Atwood, and Atwater; in other cases the Norman *de* was substituted and in still others, such as Wood, Briggs, and Lane, the particle was dropped. The surnames of some of the Pilgrim fathers illustrate place designations: for instance, Winthrop means "from the friendly village"; Endicott, "an end cottage"; Bradford, "at the broad ford"; and Standish, "a stony park". The suffixes "ford", "ham", "ley", and "ton", denoting locality, are of frequent occurrence in such names as Ashford, Bingham, Burley, and Norton.

A fourth class of surnames arose - names derived from occupation. The earliest of these seem to have been official names, such as Bishop, Mayor, Fawcett (judge), Reeve, Chamberlain, Chancellor, Latimer (interpreter), Marshall, Sumner (summoner). Trade and craft names, although of the same general type, were of somewhat later origin. Webster a weaver, Wainwright a wagonbuilder, and Baxter a baker. Such names as Smith, Taylor, Shepherd, Carter, Mason, and Miller are self-explanatory.

Many surnames of today which seem to defy classification or explanation are corruptions of ancient forms which have become disguised almost beyond recognition. Longfellow, for instance, was originally Longueville, Wrinch was Renshaw, Diggles was Douglas, and Snooks was Sevenoaks. Such corruptions of family names, resulting from ignorance of spelling, variations in pronunciation, or merely from the preference of the bearer, tend to baffle both the genealogist and the etymologist. Shakespeare's name is found in some 24 different forms, and the majority of English and Anglo-American surnames have appeared in four to a dozen or more variant spellings.

In America a greater variety of family names exists than anywhere else in the world. While the greater number are of English, Scotch, Irish origin, brought to this country by families which had borne these names for generations prior to emigration, many others, came from central and southern Europe countries, where the use of surnames is generally a more recently established practice and present considerable difficulty to the student of family history.

Those Americans who possess old and honored names - who trace the history of their surnames back to sturdy immigrant ancestors, or even beyond, across the seas, and into the dim mists of antiquity - may be rightfully proud of their heritage. While the name, in its origin, may seem ingenious, humble, surprising, or matter of fact, its significance today lies not in a literal interpretation of its original meaning but in the many things that have happened to it since it first came into use. In the beginning it was only a word, a convenient label to distinguish one John from his neighbor, but soon it established itself as a part of the bearer's individuality and as it passed to his children, his children's children, and their children, it became the symbol not of one man but of a family. Like the coat of arms, the name itself, borne through every event of a man's life and through the lives of scores of his progenitors, became the badge of family honor - the "good name" to be proud of, to protect, and to fight for if need be.

Request for Information *by Angela Waterfall, Research Manager*

Carol Hood contacted me via Ancestry. She is researching her 2x grandmother, Susanna East, born in 1812 and married to William Parry.

We have a copy of Susanna and William's marriage, given to us by Larry Faulkner. I have passed on the information we have about Susanna's ancestors. Carol would like to get in touch with anyone who has Susanna on their family tree.

Local Research Assistants

We know that it can be difficult to get to record offices if you work during the day or don't live close to the office you need to visit; therefore, some of our members have offered to make visits to record offices to assist those who cannot go themselves. Please see the new East FHS website, **www.eastfhs.com**, for details of Local Research Assistants or contact Peter or Pam (committee members) for their help with your research.

Larry D. Duke, 'Estes Trails'

I have again received the latest issues of the newsletter of the Estes family called 'Estes Trails', via email, for June '23 and September '23. It is usual for us to exchange electronic (pdf) copies of our respective journals with the Estes Family Society in America. It is published about 4 times a year.

Both the June and September issues include the usual Estes family stories and trees as well as a Will, an obituary and information on troubles and disputes for the Estes' families! There is a wealth of detail on these American Immigrant families who originally hailed from Kent, England.

The following information has been kindly provided by Larry in a separate email to me to pass on to East FHS members :

'Hello from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma USA. In reviewing some very old issues of Estes Trails, I came across these mentions of East's. It appears the original material was provided by Kathleen Hollingsbee, a member of the Kent Family History Society (who I believe is still with us) back in the Fall issue of 1992. Some of the material may have been provided by Donald Bowler of Kent. Sorry I don't know any more about this material but thought I would pass it along anyway.

EASTES - ESTIS - ESTES - EUSTIS - ETC. NAMES

From Mixed East Kent Name Index

provided by Kathleen Hollingsbee and/or Donald Bowler in Fall, 1992 issue of Estes Trails

Margaret East of Stone in Oxney, widow of William East, late same parish, dec'd. License to marry John Baker of same parish, husbandman ba about 27. At St. Margaret's. Canterbury. Thomas Hoare of Fairfield and Thoms Burr of Brenzett, yeomen bondsmen, Sept. 25, 1638. (Cowper Licenses Lists)

Mary East (widow) - William Read of Birchinton, husbandman, ba. License to marry Mary East. At Woodnesborough or St. Mary's, Sandwich, Oct. 21, 1689. (Cowper's)

Elizabeth East - Joseph Reader of Goudhurst, widow. License to marry. Elizabeth East of Marden, spr. to be at Maidstone, June 12, 1744 (Cowper Licenses Lists)

William East, ba married Sarah Thomas, spr btp by Banns, Sept. 1, 1800. (Buckland by Dover Register)

Sarah East (adoptive name), christened 1805, a foundling found by the Watchman on East Street. (Faversham BT's)

Susanna East, spr. married George Harman ba btp by Banns, Sept. 1, 1805. (Buckland by Dover Register)

Catherine Frances East, otp spr married Richard Chatwin of St. James, Dover, banns Sept. 19, 1824. (Buckland by Dover Register)

George Thomas East: June 9, 1856 (no banns read), widower, adult, gardener of Buckland, son of William East, papermaker, married Emily Cheeseman, spr, adult of Alkham, dau. of John Cheeseman, surveyor, witnesses: Thomas (Snr) and Thomas (Jnr) of Tunbridge.

Sidney George East, stoker 1st class, injured. Of Dover details. (Dover Express Aug. 29, 1914, pg. 5, col. 1)

From Earl of Radnor County Estate Books (Folkestone Library), Lord of the Manor(s) in Alkham: Nov. 5, 1880, Emily East, Spinster of Dover received by conditional surrender No. 2 Halton Copyhold 1 acre, 3 roods of land and cottages at Chalksole Green, Alkan

Sincerely,

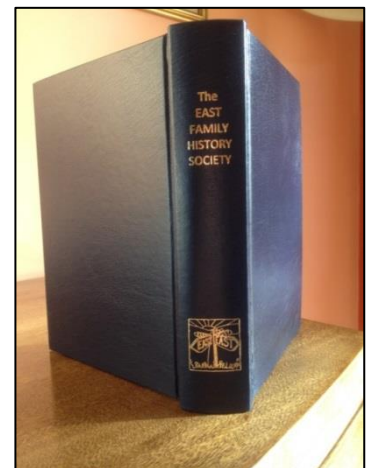
Larry D. Duke, Publisher

Estes Trails'

Could all EFHS members pass on any Estes (or variants) references that you find to a committee member, so that we may pass them back to Larry for his information.

Binders for Points East journals

These blue Cordex binders are capable of holding 12 copies of Points East, with the spine blocked in gold with the Society's name and logo. Each comes in its own 'large letter' postal box. Please let a member of the Committee know if you might be interested in buying one or more binders. The cost for one binder (including postage) is £7. The cost for two binders (including postage together) is £13. Cheques to be sent to Peter for the time being (at his address on the inside front cover) but made payable to the 'East Family History Society'.



Two EAST graves found at Weston-On-Green, Oxon

Herbert Frederic EAST d:1985 aged 62

Marjorie Rose EAST b:1922 d:1981

Francis East (1840-1912)
Founder of Francis East and Co, Furniture Manufacturers
by Angela Waterfall, Research Manager

Francis East was my great-great uncle. He and his two brothers, Alfred (my great-grandfather) and Joseph grew up in Monks Risborough, a small village in Buckinghamshire.

His father, John was a chairmaker. The brothers all followed in their father's footsteps and became chairmakers. Joseph emigrated to New South Wales, where he married his cousin, Elizabeth in 1863.

Francis and Alfred, with their families, moved to Dundee. Francis and his partner, Mr. Capell, set up the firm of East Capell, chair manufacturers, in 1869. This later became Francis East & Co, a successful business which traded until 1960. Alfred had a smaller, and less successful, business which ceased trading in 1892.

1892 was a bad year for both Francis and Alfred. In January 1892, a slander action was brought against Alfred and was heard in Dundee Sheriff's court. The claimant alleged that Alfred had suggested that the pursuance of the claim would not be able to fulfil his orders. The slander action was dismissed but, by February, Alfred had ceased trading. Meanwhile, in June 1892, Francis' factory in Nelson Street was partially destroyed by fire. Francis had already planned his new premises (Maryfield Works) and, when it had opened, he invited the firemen, who had dealt with the blaze, to view the premises and presented them each with a folding armchair.

In 1896, Francis had two separate firms operating from his Maryfield Works. There was a chairmaking, timber yard and sawmills enterprise. There was also a company making wall cases for photos (photo-bracket manufacture) for which Francis had been granted a patent.

Francis' name is not on the 1901 Census for the family. It was assumed that he had died before 1901, although the Regional Furniture Society gives his death as 1916 (his son's date of death).

The family memorial in Balgay Cemetery, Dundee does not include Francis, thus suggesting that his death pre-dated that of his wife, Caroline, in 1905.

However, an Ancestry search gave a probate record for Francis East of Haversham Lodge, Monkseaton, Northumberland. Probate was also granted in Scotland. Having obtained a copy of the will, this proved that this was, indeed, Francis East, my great-great uncle. His address was given as 34 Totteridge Road, High Wycombe – the same address as my great-grandfather and his family in 1911. The only member of the family to receive a bequest was his daughter, Gertrude.

The London Daily News of 9th May 1912, stated that:

“Mr Francis East of Haversham lodge, Northumberland left estate valued at £8,406 gross. With the exception of certain shares, he left his property to his housekeeper, Annie Maria Blakemore”.

There was also an obituary in The Dundee Courier.

We may never know why Francis ended his days in Northumberland. Perhaps he had business concerns. Nor will we know why his sons had no bequests. Maybe he had already given them money to set up their own firms.

Francis East & Co. continued trading until the 1960s. When the Maryfield Works were built, the company was reckoned to be the biggest furniture manufacturers in Scotland. Francis had designed it to give his workforce a wholesome place in which to work and he was even considering running his own fire brigade. In the 1930s, the factory made seating for public buildings and cinemas.

Information gained by using the following resources:

Ancestry.co.uk

British Newspaper Archives – Montrose Review, Dundee Advertiser, Dundee Courier, London Daily News

Regional Furniture Society

Dundee City Archives

There are other articles about the Scottish branch of the Monks Risborough Easts in back copies of Points East. These can be viewed in the Members Area of the website.



A 'Windsor' chair



1. Francis East & Co. Maryfield Works, Dundee c1890

(drawing extracted from 'Regional Furniture' magazine, Volume X, 1996)

New Members

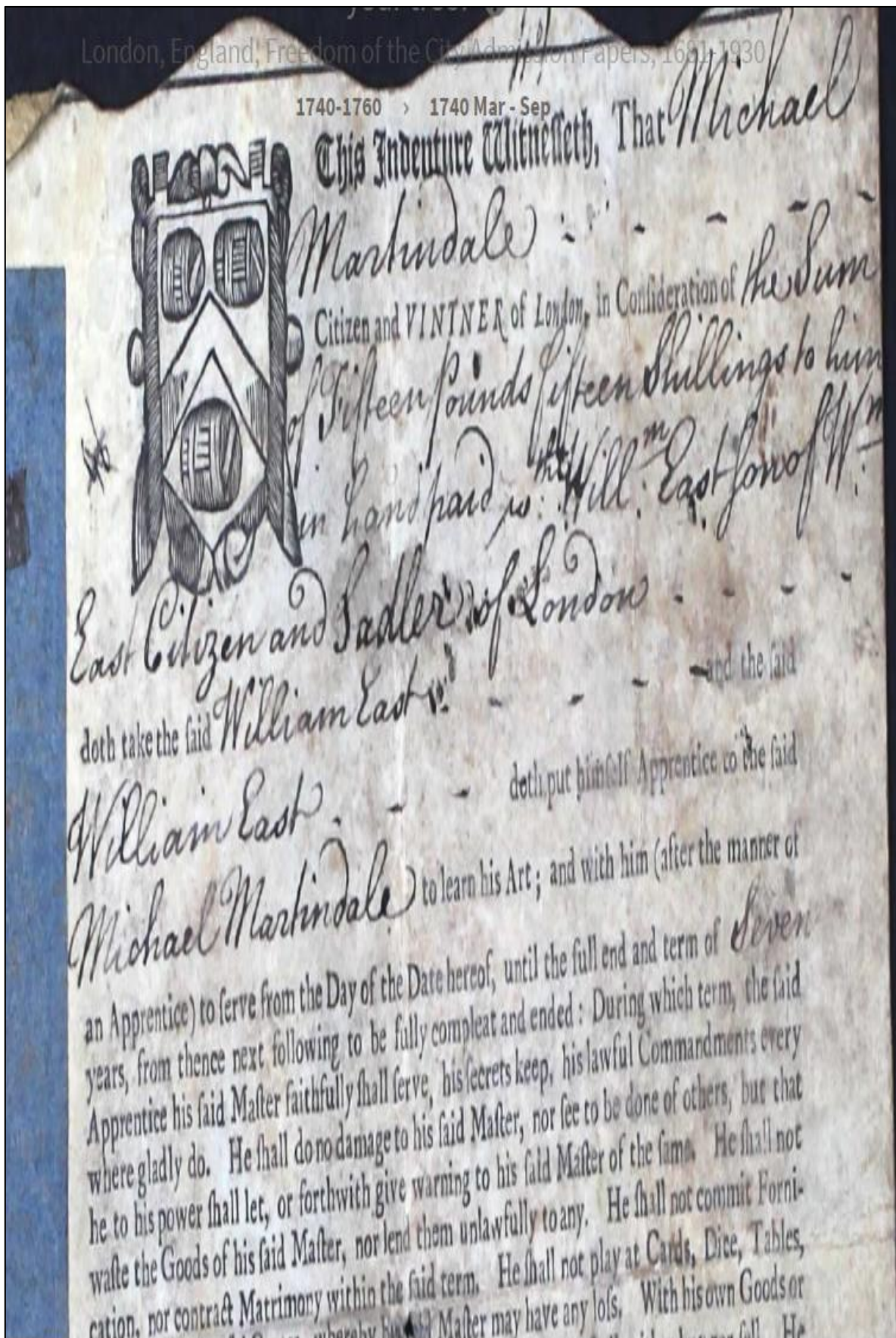
310	David East	Newbury, Berkshire
311	Ronald East	Salisbury, Wiltshire
312	Andrew Charles East	Romsey, Hampshire

Next Time in Points East....

I am still hoping that member Alan George East will let us all know whether he made contact with the lady at the Salvation Army in Avon, Ohio, who bought an old bible with a signed message to 'Thomas Oliver Cromwell East' (Alan's uncle) from his father on his 10th birthday.

Please consider some tasks to do if you get stuck with your own tree, such as visiting a local or further afield personal history site or investigating any DNA matches! I look forward to a report from you, and any associated pictures or trees, for the next journal.

William East, apprentice vintner
(son of William East, Citizen & Sadler of London)



Points East

The committee decided that to achieve production and distribution of the journal to members on the dates proposed:

All future contributions need to be received by the 1st February for the spring edition and 1st August for the autumn edition

The preparation of the final draft by the 15th of the month for printing

Distribution of copies to members 1st March and 1st September

Please keep sending in your articles for publication, but do bear in mind copyright law. We cannot publish any picture or writing that is copyright without permission. Send us family pictures, research successes, tree excerpts, bits of found information or family stories that will give variety to Points East. Large or small items - all are welcome. If you have any suggestions to improve it please do let us know. Material will be held over for a future issue if it cannot be included in the current one.

Annual Subscription Renewal

The annual subscription remains currently at £10 but please see page 7 for possible changes to be discussed at the forthcoming AGM.

Sterling or its currency equivalent may be enclosed with an application form which you will be able to download shortly from the new East FHS website

‘www.eastfhs.com’

Cheques should be drawn on a UK bank and be made payable to the **East Family History Society**.

It would greatly assist the Society if members could set up a Standing Order with their bank for the subscription. Our account is :

Bank: The NatWest **Account Name:** The East Family History Society

Sort Code: 60-02-23 **Account number:** 65499727

Alternatively, you could pay online to the above bank account and advise the secretary by email, but please put a reference with your payment so that we can recognise who has renewed.

Applications and subscriptions to the Secretary (see inside the front cover).

All subscriptions are due on 1st May.

Although subscriptions can cover a member and nominated partner, only one copy of the newsletter will be provided per full member.

The aims of the Society shall be:

- To collect all references to the EAST/ESTE(S) name and all variations, to collate and store these records and to make them available to all members.
- To produce a Newsletter at least twice per year to be distributed to all members, the cost of which to be covered by subscriptions.
- To advertise the Society's existence, thus bringing as many researchers of the names EAST/ESTE(S) etc. as possible into contact with each other.

Source Data

The Society's Research Manager holds the following data. Most of it is on computer and all of it is available, on request, to members for their personal use.

- A compilation of Family Trees (known as "the Big Tree") is held as a private, but searchable tree on Ancestry. This has nearly 14,000 names.
- GRO index of all EAST births from 1837 to 2005; marriages from 1837 to 2005 and deaths from 1837 to 2006. The index is held within the members' section of the EFHS website, and the access password is sent to new members when they join.
- Over 18,100 baptism, marriage, and burial Parish records. These are taken from actual records, transcripts or indexes and have been collected over time by EFHS members. Many are not on the IGI.
- Over 2,400 probate records extracted from the National Calendar from 1858 to 1967, together with some earlier probate records. These give exact dates, names and places of death, and sometimes additional information such as names of executors.
- Digital copies of over 100 EAST wills.
- A collection of over 2,800 birth, marriage, and death certificates.
- On computer, using 'Family Historian', a large collection of EAST family trees with over 12,000 individuals and more than 135 trees.
- A genealogical index of all mentions of the EAST surname from the Points East Issues 1-50.
- Civil registration indexes for EASTs in New Zealand (1840 to 1990) and Western Australia (1841 to 1905)
- An extensive collection of articles, newspaper cuttings, documents, and photos.
- Various biographies and autobiographies donated by members
- The UK National Burial Index (3rd Edition)

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